



A T T H E  
C O U R T at St. J A M E S's,

The First Day of June, 1763.

P R E S E N T,

The K I N G's most Excellent M A J E S T Y in Council.



HEREAS by an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for the further Improvement of His Majesty's Revenue of Customs; and for the Encouragement of Officers making Seizures; and for the Prevention of the clandestine Running of Goods into any Part of His Majesty's Dominions," it is, amongst other Things, enacted, That for the more effectual Prevention of the infamous Practice of Smuggling, and for the better Encouragement of the Officers and Seamen of all such Ships and Vessels of War belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, who may be employed in preventing the clandestine Running of Goods on the Coasts of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and of the other Dominions and Colonies belonging to the Crown of *Great Britain*, One Moiety of the Nett Produce arising by the Sale of Smuggling Vessels and prohibited Goods, which shall be so seized after the First Day of *May*, 1763, and condemned and sold according to Law (the Charges whereof being first deducted) shall be vested in the said Officers and Seamen; and His Majesty is thereby empowered to cause the same to be divided amongst the said Officers and Seamen, in such Proportions, and in such Manner, as His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, shall think fit to order and direct, by any Order or Orders of Council, or by any Proclamation or Proclamations, to be made or issued, from time to time, for that Purpose; and His Majesty is likewise empowered by the said Act, to make a Distribution of any other Part of all and every the Seizure and Seizures that shall be made by such Officers and Seamen respectively; the Money arising by the Sale of which other Part is directed by the said Act to be paid into the Exchequer. His Majesty, taking the same into His Royal Consideration, is hereby pleased, pursuant to the Powers vested in Him by the said Act, and by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, direct, and appoint, That the Moiety of Seizures granted by the said Act to the Officers and Seamen as aforesaid, be divided in the following Proportions; *videlicet*,

1st, With Regard to Seizures made by the Officers and Men of Ships and Sloops of War.

TO the Captain or Captains of any such Ships or Sloops, who shall be actually on Board at the Seizure of any Smuggling Vessel, or prohibited Goods, Three Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongst them; to the Captains of Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants and Masters, on Board any such Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them; to the Lieutenants and Quarter Masters of Marines, and Lieutenants, Ensigns, and Quarter Masters of Land Forces, Boatswain, Gunner, Purser, Carpenter, Master's Mate, Surgeon, Pilot, and Chaplain, on Board any such Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them; to the Midshipmen, Secretary to Flag Officers, Captain's Clerk, Master Sailmaker, Carpenter's Mates, Boatswain's Mates, Gunner's Mates, Master at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Coxswain, Quarter Masters, Quarter Masters Mates, Surgeons Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, and Serjeants of Marines or Land Forces, on Board any such Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them; to the Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine or other Soldiers, and all other Persons doing Duty or assisting on Board any such Ships or Sloops, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongst them.

2d, With Regard to Seizures made by the Officers and Men of Cutters, commanded by Lieutenants.

TO the Lieutenant commanding such Cutter, who shall be actually on Board at the Seizure of any Smuggling Vessel, or prohibited Goods, One Half Part: To the Second Master and Pilot, or Master's Mate and the Midshipmen, on Board any such Cutter, One Eighth Part; the Second Master and Pilot, or Master's Mate, to have Two Third Parts thereof, and the Midshipman to have the Remainder: But if there should happen to be a Pilot extraordinary on Board at the making of any such Seizure, the Second Master and Pilot, or Master's Mate, is, in that Case, to have One Moiety of the said Eighth Part, and the other Moiety is to be equally divided between the Pilot extraordinary and Midshipman. To the Clerk and Steward, Boatswain's Mate, Gunner's Mate, Carpenter's Mate, and Surgeon's Mate, on Board any such Cutter, One Eighth Part; to the Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and all other Persons, doing Duty and assisting on Board any such Cutter, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongst them.

3d, With Regard to Seizures made by Ships or Sloops of War in Conjunction with Cutters.

THAT in all such Cases, the Moiety which is given to the Officers and Men who shall make such Seizure, be divided into so many equal Parts, or Shares, as there may be Ships or Sloops, and Cutters concerned therein, and that those Shares be distributed to the Officers and Men of the Ships or Sloops, and Cutters, according to the foregoing Proportions.

And His Majesty doth hereby further order, direct, and appoint, That in case any Seizures shall be made in any of the Colonies Abroad, belong-



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Phil. Sharpe.

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